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Hello,

I strongly urge the courts to seriously curb Microsoft's power. The market needs to be reopened to competition. Take a look at Microsoft's record with the security of its products - it's full of holes. More competition would force Microsoft to be serious about protecting its users.

Also, Microsoft has so much influence with its Windows operating system, it could practically take over any market - take a look at how it killed Netscape, how it's trying to kill the MP3 format with Windows Media. Look at how it decided now to not include Java in Windows XP. Microsoft is advancing its strategy using every force necessary - and unfortunately for the competition, it's power is too strong, it's pockets too deep. Do people want Software as a Service? Do people want Microsoft's Software Assurance? Not me. But I will probably be forced to use it.

I thought that splitting Microsoft's Windows from its Applications software was a brilliant idea - and exactly the way to make Microsoft stop using the influence it has to serve its applications' interests (i.e. Internet Explorer). But, please do not force Microsoft to open its source code - that will only help the Company better its products with improved source code.

Nonetheless, Microsoft thinks that what it says goes in the market. I really don't like knowing that if Microsoft is introducing a new product, it must make sure it stifles the competition - aka .Net and Java. Very sad. I hope that somehow Microsoft's power to eliminate competition is severely curbed.

Sincerely,
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